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BROOKS ANNOUNCES NORTHWEST REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the County's Department of Environmental Services and the Towns of Clarkson, Hamlin, Ogden, Parma, Sweden and the Villages of Hilton, Brockport, Spencerport have partnered to hold an **appointment-only** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection at the Village of Hilton Highway Garage, 50 Henry Street, on Saturday, June 23, 2007 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. This is the fourth of six regional HHW collections for 2007.

"This collection gives all Monroe County residents the opportunity to dispose of potentially hazardous chemicals in a safe manner and extends the useful life of our County landfill," stated **County Executive Brooks**. "This program is another example of how Monroe County is working with our local municipalities to meet the needs of residents."

Most HHW (paint, flammables and other chemicals from home-use) is safe when used and stored properly. When they become unwanted and are disposed of improperly, these household wastes can become environmental hazards.

During 2006, the Department of Environmental Services, in cooperation with the Eastman Kodak Company, safely disposed of 293 tons of hazardous material.

This service is open **to all Monroe County residents**. To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, **appointments are required** at all HHW collections throughout the year. **Appointments for this HHW collection will be accepted until June 22nd.** To schedule an appointment, Hilton and Parma residents can call 392-9464. Hamlin, Clarkson, Ogden and Spencerport residents should call 352-2137. Brockport and Sweden residents can call 637-2144. All other Monroe County residents can call 753-7600 (option #3). Waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based & Latex Paint (for 1/3-gallon or less of Latex Paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain & Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)

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- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps & waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool & Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) & Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

DO NOT BRING: used motor oil & vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); Propane tanks (permanent HHW facility only); cans with <u>dried</u> paint (if it rattles when shaken – remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle & joint compounds (trash).

If residents are unable to take advantage of this mobile HHW collection, the County's permanent collection facility is open (by appointment only) weekly. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call DES at 753-7600 (option 3), or go on-line to www.monroecounty.gov

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